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APPLICATIONS USING WATER-BASED INK



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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

This subject Information Disclosure Statement is submitted in connection with Applicants' continuing duty of disclosure under 37 CFR 1.56. This related art, in Applicant's opinion, constitutes the closest art of which Applicant is aware related to the invention of the above-identified application.

Listing of Relevant Documents

The relevant documents are listed in the attached Form PTO-1449.

REMARKS

Included in the listing of relevant documents are two Laid-open Japanese Applications which were unavailable to us. The following is a summary of their relevance.

Laid-open Japanese Patent Application No. 157,668 demonstrates a conventional resin-containing ink composition including, for example, an ink comprising a colorant dispersed in a water-soluble resin emulsion dispersion.

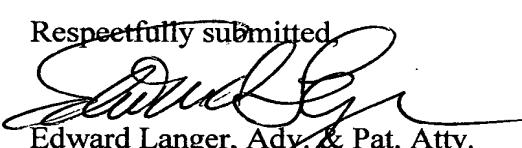
Laid-open Japanese Patent Application No. 202,328 discloses a recording method that comprises the steps of printing two solutions, a first solution and an ink composition.

No representation is made that more pertinent material is not available or should not be considered by the Examiner, and it is expected that the Patent and

Trademark Office will conduct independently a complete search of the appropriate prior art.

It is respectfully requested that each document cited be given thorough consideration and that each be cited of record in the prosecution history, and, if determined to be relevant, to appear on the face of the patent issuing on the present application.

Respectfully submitted,



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